(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of comparative studies undertaken, if any, on the management of similar stocks maintained by some other countries, like the U.S.A., Japan etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) Such studies are being done.

Indo-US cooperation for building oil reserves

232. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to seek US help to build oil reserves to meet contingency requirements like disruption of supplies;

(b) if so, the details of Indo-US cooperation proposed to be explored; and

(c) by when the plan for building the reserves will be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Presently, US system of maintaining strategic petroleum reserve is being studied. An appropriate plan for building the oil reserves in India will be put in place soon.

LNG storage terminal at Dahej (Gujarat)

†233. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether first Liquefied Natural Gas storage terminal in the country is being established at Dahej (Gujarat);

(b) if so, what is its capacity;

(c) the amount likely to be spent on the same;

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†*Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.*